Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Quality health care is an important concern of the citizens of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Affordable and accessible medical care is essential for the well-being of all citizens; and,

Whereas, Physician assistants are medically trained professionals who provide comprehensive health care services and quality medical care to millions of Americans throughout this great country; and,

Whereas, Physician assistants nationwide have been recognized by the U.S. Surgeon General as national proponents of preventive health care, and can improve patient access to health care services; and,

Whereas, Physician assistants care for patients of all ages in rural towns, urban communities, and in the uniformed services; and,

Whereas, The physician assistant profession continues to grow in number and in public respect; and,

Whereas, Physician assistants increasingly are being recognized as important members of the health care delivery team, working closely with their supervising physicians to enhance the quality of medical care in the United States and abroad; and,

Whereas, Physician assistants in South Dakota deserve our heartfelt thanks for the medical care they provide to patients throughout the year:

Now Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and extend my sincere thanks to the physician assistant profession for its dedication to this great state, and my best wishes for many more years of outstanding service.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State